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New member joins school board

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Submitted photo - Ferguson-Florissant Board President Leslie Suzanne Hogshead administers the oath of office to Charles "Chuck" Henson on Jan. 24. Henson was appointed to fill out the remaining term of Jeanne Garofalo, who resigned. He will also serve a three-year term after the April 3 election.

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The Ferguson-Florissant School District has a new board member a little earlier than expected.

Charles "Chuck" Henson, 47, of the 1000 block of Briargate Trail in Ferguson, was sworn in Jan. 24 as a board member at a special board study session.

Henson will fill out the remaining term of Jeanne Garofalo, who resigned last month. He will also serve a three-year term on the board after the April 3 election.

Henson can serve on the board because Missouri law allows the board to appoint an individual to fill the vacated position for the remainder of the term.

And Henson can continue to serve after Garofalo's term expires in April because the district does not have to hold a board election April 3.

Henson and Board President Leslie Suzanne Hogshead were the sole candidates to file for two seats up for election this spring. Filed closed for the seats Jan. 16. The incumbents were Garofalo and Hogshead.

The district filed a letter asking permission from the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners not to hold the election since the seats were not contested. The election board approved the request last week.

Nancy Pollock, executive director of public information for the school district, said the district would save about \$13,000 in ballot-related expenses.

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